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Applicant(s)

Examiner

TRONG PHAN

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1, there is no antecedent basis for "the input signal", "the full range", and "the AC component".

Claim 2, there is no antecedent basis for "the full range" and "the AC component portion".

Method claim 3 is vague and indefinite because it can not be dependent on apparatus claim 2.

Claim 4, there is no antecedent basis for "the span", "the system input", the entire input signal range", and "the converter's span".

Claim 5, there is no antecedent basis for "said output terminal of said analog to digital converter" and "said input terminal of said analog to digital converter".

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371® of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

4. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sonu et al., 6,215,433.

Sonu et al., 6,215,433, discloses in Fig. 2 an analog to digital converter circuit comprising:

voltage gain amplifier VGA 40;

programmable filter 42;

analog to digital converter ADC 44;

digital gain control block 50:

digital to analog converter DAC 52.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Reay, 5,612,698, Boie, 5,812,077, and Kost et al., 6,081,215.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to *Trong Phan* whose telephone number is (703) 308-4870.

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